

Working to bring new economic development and safer neighborhoods to Grundy County, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) fought for and secured over a million dollars in funding for projects in Grundy County in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010*, H.R.3288, which provides funding for a number of agencies and projects that help people throughout the 11<sup>th</sup>

District, including \$900,000 for the construction of a new interchange on I-80 at Brisbin Road.

"This is a project that Grundy County feels is important to open up industrial development and help create jobs in our community," said Frank Halpin, Chairman of the Grundy County Board. "We've enjoyed working with Congresswoman Halvorson-we're happy that she's been accessible to us and that she's delivered on her promises."

Halvorson said, "Working with our partners in Grundy County, we were able to identify opportunities to invest in the community so we can bring new development and jobs. These funds will also help to make our neighborhoods safer and better places to live and raise a family. This is just part of our efforts to expand transportation options in the 11<sup>th</sup> District and help rebuild our economy."

Within the bill, Halvorson secured \$900,000 for the construction of a new interchange on I-80 at Brisbin Road, near Morris. Construction of the interchange will create new jobs and promote economic development in the area which could lead to further job growth and investment.

"We're working hard to put people back to work here in Grundy, and this funding is a big step in pointing our local economy back in the right direction," said Nancy Ammer, CEO of the Grundy Economic Development Council. "Congresswoman Halvorson has been a partner in bringing investments to our community."

Halvorson also secured \$100,000 for a new emergency communications system for first responders in Grundy County, and \$185,000 for the mentoring services administered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and Grundy County. This funding will go towards improving the capacity of Grundy County emergency personnel to respond to critical situations, and provide young persons in Grundy County with opportunities for a brighter future.

"This money will be a tremendous asset for Grundy County, as it offers to help every emergency service provider in the area," said Grundy County Sheriff Terry Marketti. "With the help of Congresswoman Halvorson, we're now able to secure better equipment - which greatly

helps with a quicker response time for virtually everyone in Grundy County."